

REMARKS

Applicant has amended the single independent claim 1 to more particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter. That is, as set forth in the specification at page 12, first full paragraph, the radial relationship of the elements comprising the lip or opening structure of the bucket enhances the strength of the bucket and is a preferred embodiment. None of the prior references are believed to teach this relationship to enhance strength.

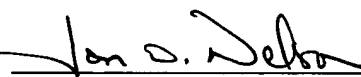
With respect to the priority date of this application, applicant will tender a terminal disclaimer as may be required.

Favorable consideration is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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